

Klamath Fishery Management Council
April 5-7, 1999
Red Lion's Sacramento Inn, Sacramento, California
Meeting #57

Monday, April 5

6:00 pm CONVENE

Members present:

Dave Bitts
Virginia Bostwick
L.B. Boydston
Troy Fletcher
Paul Kirk
Jim Lone
Don McIsaac
Leonard Masten, Jr.
MaryEllen Mueller
Dan Viele
Keith Wilkinson

Representative Seat:

California Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry
California Inriver Sport Fishing Community
California Department of Fish and Game
Non-Hoopa Indians Residing in the Klamath Conservation Area
California Offshore Recreational Fishing Industry
Pacific Fishery Management Council
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Hoopa Valley Tribe
Department of the Interior
National Marine Fisheries Service
Oregon Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry

Other speakers: (see Attachment 1).

McIsaac welcomed new member MaryEllen Mueller.

ADMINISTRATION

Agendum 1. Review, approve agenda

McIsaac referred to the agenda (Handout A). He delayed Agendum 3 until later in the week to allow members to caucus on the issue.

Boydston announced that Robert Treanor , executive director of the California Fish and Game Commission would give a report during Agendum 4.

Wilkinson requested an update on the 1999 "tin cup" monitoring needs, discussed under Agendum 12 of the March, 1999 KFMC meeting. McIsaac added one before Agendum 4.

Wilkinson made a motion:

Motion: to approve the agenda as amended.

Lone seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Agendum 2. Review handouts

Silveira reviewed the handouts (see Attachment 2). She pointed out an updated version of the KFMC's operating procedures (Handout B).

Agendum 3. Elect new chair

Postponed until April 6 meeting.

Added Agendum. Update on California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) Klamath monitoring activities that are not funded for 1999.

The 1999 "tin cup" funding needs discussed at the March KFMC meeting were:

- 1) Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH) marking of fall chinook yearlings
- 2) The Upper Klamath creel census (Interstate-5 to IGH)
- 3) IGH marking of coho (identified at the March meeting as a low priority).

Fletcher said that he had met with Boydston, Mark Pisano, Mike Lau and others from CDFG to discuss how to address funding shortfalls for monitoring. He said that because of the tight time-line, nothing could be worked out in time to get IGH yearlings marked, but the Yurok Tribe is on track to decode sport fishery heads and snouts. (Note: at the March, 1999 meeting, Fletcher had offered the services of the Yurok tribe to decode snouts of hatchery returns (an activity CDFG has funding for), thus loosening up \$5000 that could be applied to the tagging of IGH fall chinook yearlings.) He said that the creel census from Coon Creek Falls to IGH was still not funded, but the Trinity River Task Force had agreed to fund the creel census below Coon Creek Falls and between the Willow Creek weir and Trinity River Dam.

Boydston said CDFG would figure out how to make the Coon Creek to IGH creel census happen.

Mike Rode, CDFG, said he believed the marking of chinook yearlings at IGH had been done.

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Agendum 4. Update on the California Fish and Game Commission

Robert Treanor (executive director of the California Fish and Game Commission ("the Commission")) referred members to a letter (Handout H) from the Commission to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC). The letter summarized the Commission's action at their meeting on April 2, 1999; they approved an in-river allocation of 15% of the non-tribal harvest (2200 adult fish). The Commission then discussed their intent to amend in-river sport fishing regulations. They will hear public comments at their May meeting, and then consider adopting the regulations at their June meeting. They intend to do real-time sampling of in-river catch to monitor sub-area quotas, reduce the grilse size cut-off to 22 inches, take measures to more equitably distribute catch, and establish a telephone hotline to give anglers faster access to quota information. The Commission is planning a public meeting on the in-river fishery in Weaverville in late April or early May.

Regarding ocean sport regulations, Treanor said the Commission approved the status quo, (coinciding with the

PFMC's Option 1), with modifications described in Handout H. Regarding other Klamath issues, the Commission is seeking financial assistance to the State of California to carry out the ever-increasing monitoring required by federal mandates. They are also seeking the assistance of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Oregon Fish and Game Commission in securing water flows for salmon and steelhead from the Klamath Project.

Fletcher praised the Commission for considering water flows, referred to a letter on the issue drafted by the Habitat Steering Group of the PFMC (Handout J; see Agendum 12), and asked McIsaac whether ODFW would weigh in on the issue.

McIsaac committed to bring the letter and issue to the attention of the ODFW records office and habitat conservation division.

Treanor mentioned that the Commission had met in a tri-state meeting with the Oregon and Washington Commissions. They want to continue having tri-state meetings, and this issue would be likely to come up at future meetings.

Boydston and Treanor stressed that the decision on the 15% allocation for the in-river sport fishery was difficult for the Commission, and that Commissioner Theriot wanted at least one more percentage point. The Commission would like to provide more fish for in-river sport, and will look for ways the ocean fishery could help. The Commission feels water quality and quantity are important for providing more fish.

Fletcher asked about Bostwick's letter to Treanor (Handout G).

Bostwick explained that she and Jim Waldvogel didn't understand the rationale CDFG used when they converted some of the fish counted as jacks to the adult category. She said that the in-river sport fishery was not over its allocation going into the Labor Day weekend, and after the weekend it was only 27% over the allocation. But when the season was over, and after CDFG did the conversion of some of the jacks to adults, the fishery was 425% over. She believes in-river fishermen have taken a lot of unnecessary heat for something that wasn't their fault. Looking at the numbers, she and Waldvogel wondered whether someone at CDFG knew there was a problem early on, but didn't do anything about it. They would like an explanation of the changes made to the jack count.

Waldvogel reviewed the basin-wide jack count numbers: original count was 7400, January revised count was 6004, final revised count was 4800. He calculated that the numbers represented a shift of 35% of the two-year-olds to the three-year-old category basin-wide. At IGH, however, 76% of the two-year-olds were shifted to the three-year-old category. He did not understand why the percentage at IGH wasn't closer to the basin-wide figure.

Boydston referred to a question raised in Bostwick's letter (Handout G) about when CDFG started the in-river sport fall chinook count versus when the tribes started their count. He said the discrepancy was resolved in-season.

Bostwick asked where in the megatable it was accounted for.

Fletcher pointed out that Footnote X in the megatable explained it.

Boydstun said CDFG would respond to Bostwick's letter. He felt people understood that the need for a post-season adjustment in the jack numbers, due to unusually small-sized adults, was unavoidable, and that most of the overage in the in-river catch was above Coon Creek, not in the lower river.

McIsaac said that from his seat's perspective, a good-faith effort had been made to meet the quota.

Agendum 5. Review of recommendations made to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) by the KFMC in March

McIsaac read the matrix of options recommended for modeling purposes by the KFMC and presented to the PFMC on March 9, 1999. He requested staff to make copies of the statement for distribution as a handout (Handout L).

Agendum 6. Review of the PFMC's options for public review

Lone said the PFMC's Preseason Report II gave a good overview of the situation. He summarized some developments in Washington. After the PFMC options went out, chinook in Puget Sound were listed under the Endangered Species Act. As a result, probably no chinook will be taken in the Neah Bay area. In compensation, there may be a "4B add-on fishery" to allow them to take more coho, and move their chinook impacts further down the Washington coast. Because Lower Columbia River chinook have been listed, the chinook take in Option 1 will have to be revised downward, and the gillnet fleet in Willapa Bay on the Washington coast will probably not get the dip-net fishery they requested. OCN's (Oregon Coastal Natural coho) will also impact Oregon and Washington fisheries.

McIsaac commented on Oregon developments. There were many comments from constituents at the Astoria and Coos Bay public review meetings on both sides of the issue of a selective fishery for marked hatchery coho off the central Oregon coast. There will be a conference call to consult with the Oregon Game and Fish Commission and the ODFW on the issue before the Oregon delegation votes on the final options Friday.

Boydstun commented on California. At the public review meeting in Moss Landing, the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) California troll representative submitted advice on a commercial fishery option. There was no objection from the KMZ sport fishery to a 17% objective. For Ft. Bragg, a continuous season without a July closure appeared viable due to the "dilution" of OCN's by hatchery coho. South of Point Arena, the status quo will be followed, except for consideration of a shorter season in the Monterey sport fishery, with retention of the first two chinook and no requirement for circle hooks. (The Monterey fishery objected to circle hooks.) The major remaining issue to be resolved is the Oregon/California north/south sharing of Klamath chinook. Boydstun urged those involved to begin work on resolution immediately.

Agendum 7. Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM) analysis of PFMC options

Kautsky introduced Michael Mohr and Scott Barrow from the Technical Advisory Team (TAT).

Barrow referred members to Handout I: three model runs of the KOHM. The first model run simulated PFMC Option 1. The following parameters were set: an in-river sport allocation of 15%; north/south OR/CA ocean sharing of 50/50; 75 days for the KMZ (Klamath Management Zone) sport fishery; and four quota commercial fisheries in the ocean (1) September KMZ troll, 2) August Ft. Bragg, 3) April Pillar Pt. to Pigeon Pt., and 4) July Ft. Ross to Pt. Reyes). The results showed the tribal harvest and non-tribal harvests were each 15,200. The in-river sport harvest was 2300 fish. The ocean harvest rate on age-4 fish was 13.1%; the ocean harvest was 12,900 fish. The natural spawner floor was met at 35,000.

The second model run simulated PFMC Option 2. The in-river sport allocation was 15%; north/south OR/CA ocean sharing was 42/58; the KMZ sport fishery was 68 days, and the ocean quota fisheries were the same as in Option 1. The tribal harvest and non-tribal harvests were each 14,800. The in-river sport harvest was 2200 fish. The ocean harvest rate on age-4 fish was 12.6%; the ocean harvest was 12,600 fish. The natural spawner floor was met at 35,600.

The third model run simulated PFMC Option 3. The in-river sport allocation was 20%; north/south OR/CA ocean sharing was 55/45; the KMZ sport fishery was 74 days, and the ocean quota fisheries were the same as in Option 1. The tribal harvest and non-tribal harvests were each 15,200. The in-river sport harvest was 3000 fish. The ocean harvest rate on age-4 fish was 12.2%; the ocean harvest was 12,200 fish. The natural spawner floor was met at 35,000.

Agendum 8. Public comment

Bill Moss, a retired fisherman from Ft. Bragg, encouraged the KFMC to approach the problem of fish declines by looking at how much rearing habitat there is, and what is affecting juvenile fish (pesticides, lack of good quality water) instead of are covering up the effects of destruction of habitat by “cramming in more spawners” into reaches that can’t support them. Fish are then wasted, while over-fishing is blamed for population declines. He also expressed concern that the government has taken business away from some (the commercial fleet) and given it to others (sport boats). In Ft. Bragg, the commercial fleet of 400 boats has been reduced to 2 dozen, and only half of those can fish. The rest are boats that are rotting away, but the owners don’t know what to do with them. They’ll never be able to fish again, but it costs \$1400 a year to keep their boats. He urged the KFMC to get the water the fish need.

Mike Orcutt, Hoopa Valley Tribal Fisheries (alternate for Leonard Masten, Jr.), spoke regarding CDFG funding shortfalls for fisheries monitoring (mentioned in Handout H). The Trinity River Task Force will be paying for the creel census below Coon Cr. to monitor the in-river sport fishery (\$110,000). While he felt that was partly a positive thing, he pointed out that the money will be taken from restoration funds. He said the Hoopa Valley Tribe lobbied hard to raise the budget of the recently reauthorized Trinity River Restoration Program from \$1 million up to 4.5 million. Before reauthorization the budget was around \$6 million. He urged the State to work together with the tribes as co-managers and make use of the scientists and resources they offer.

Boydstun said that CDFG was continuing to seek other sources of funding for the creel census, and committed that if other funds were found, the full \$110,000 would not be used.

Duncan MacLean, SAS California Troll representative handed out the season structure offered by the California troll industry at the Moss Landing public review meeting (see Handout K). He pointed out an alternative that had been requested: to model the season by putting a 50,000 fish quota into the northern area (Pt. Arena to Oregon), and let the remainder be applied to the south. He asked that the TAT keep that in mind while revising the KOHM.

Wilkinson asked about the fisheries in Handout H that were delimited by the California/Oregon border; would MacLean consider including Brookings as a landing port for those fisheries (the border is only ~2 nautical miles from Brookings)?

MacLean replied that for Brookings fishermen with California licenses, he would not have a problem with that.

Bitts pointed out that only in September would this be an issue; during the rest of the season, fishing would simultaneously be open north and south of the Oregon border.

Boydstun said he would be offering a season structure based on Handout H, but the May 1-31 fishery from the California/Oregon border to Horse Mtn. would probably not be included. He also said that there must be a limit to the number of “test fisheries”, because CDFG lacks the resources to do all the data collection required.

MacLean said that Gary Weinans of NMFS had agreed to do the sampling for the Ft. Bragg test fishery.

Viele pointed out that there are two steps to the process. First tissue must be collected, then the tissue must be sampled. He said that Weinans had agreed to sample the tissue, not collect it.

Don Stevens, SAS Oregon Troll representative reported that Oregon trollers had asked for modeling additional opportunity in June, August, September and October in the KMZ. This was based on a letter from the IMST (the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team appointed by the Oregon governor to oversee the Oregon Plan). The SSC (Scientific and Statistical Committee) was reviewing comments provided them by the State of Oregon and the Oregon sport and troll SAS representatives.

Agendum 9. Action: Develop recommendations for the 1999 management season for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies

Boydstun made a motion:

Motion: To adopt as a recommendation to the PFMC the wording of Option 4 (of Handout L), with changes:

Commercial North/South Sharing of Age 4 Klamath Fish	To be determined by SAS.
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KMZ Sport	17% of non-tribal ocean share objective with a seasonal approach. 1 fish/day.
Tribal	50%
River	15% of non-tribal share. CA F&G Commission will design regulations w/ CDFG staff, and constituents w/primary goal of meeting in-river sport management objectives

Kirk seconded the motion.

Members discussed the motion's affect on North/South sharing, but reached no clear conclusion.

McIsaac and Kirk spoke in support of the motion, and the use of the matrix to develop it.

Fletcher asked for confirmation that there would be no adjustments to the KOHM; Barrow replied that none were planned.

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Fletcher made three friendly amendments to the motion:

Friendly Amendment #1: That the words “CA F&G Commission will design regulations w/CDFG staff, and constituents w/primary goal of meeting in-river sport management objectives” be replaced with the specific measures decided upon by the Commission and enumerated in the second bullet of the Commission’s letter to the PFMC. (Handout H).

Friendly Amendment #2: That managing to meet the 35,000 spawner floor be included in the motion.

Friendly Amendment #3: That if excess Klamath impacts are not used in the ocean, that those impacts be shifted in-river.

Boydston and Kirk accepted Friendly Amendments 1 & 2.

Members discussed Friendly Amendment #3, and the effects of shifting impacts from the ocean to the in-river fisheries. The year that the Snake River Biological Opinion constrained ocean fisheries to point that they couldn't achieve their take of Klamath fish, those fish were transferred to the in-river sport fishery's allocation. However, because accounting is done on a fish-for-fish basis rather than on an adult-equivalent basis, immature 3-year-olds in the ocean could not be transferred to the in-river sport fishery, so the over-all harvest and thus the tribal share were reduced.

Viele said he believed the tribal share was 50% of the available harvest, and even if the ocean harvest is

reduced for some other reason, the tribes should still be able to access their 50% of the harvestable surplus.

Fletcher agreed, and asked for 50% of the harvestable surplus.

Boydston made a friendly amendment to his own motion:

Friendly Amendment #4: That the tribal share will be “50% of the harvestable surplus”, and that there be a footnote stating: “Any excess fish preseason transferred from the ocean to the in-river would be shared by in-river fisheries to achieve 50/50 sharing”.

McIsaac re-stated the original motion with Friendly Amendments 1, 2 and 4, summarized as follows.

Motion: To recommend to the PFMC and other management agencies the following:

Management Constraints	Manage fisheries to achieve 35,000 spawner floor.
Commercial North/South Sharing of Age 4 Klamath Fish	To be determined by SAS.
KMZ Sport	17% of ocean share objective with a seasonal approach. 1 fish/day.
Tribal	50% of harvestable surplus.
River	50% of non-tribal share. Recommend the California Fish & Game Commission adopt regulations that accomplish the following: 1) establish in-river quota 2) monitor in-river catches based on real-time sampling 3) establish subarea quotas 4) reduce the grilse cutoff to 22 inches 5) implement other management measures to more equitably distribute the catch.

Any excess fish preseason transferred from the ocean to in-river would be shared by in-river fisheries to achieve 50/50 sharing.

Motion passes, Bostwick abstains.

Boydston requested that when McIsaac makes the KFMC recommendation to the PFMC, that he suggest the SAS begin meeting as soon as possible to decide on North/South sharing.

Bits suggested additions to the agenda (items 11 and 12 below).

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Tuesday, April 6, 1999

12:10 pm RECONVENE

Members present:

Dave Bitts

Virginia Bostwick

Troy Fletcher

Paul Kirk

Don McIsaac

Leonard Masten, Jr.

MaryEllen Mueller

Dan Viele

Keith Wilkinson

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An agenda for April 6, 1999 was distributed and reviewed by the chair (Handout M)

Agendum 10. Review recommendations for the 1999 management season for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies

McIsaac reported that the PFMC moved rapidly through their agenda. The time slot for the KFMC's statement was set for after lunch. Since staff was still revising the written statement, (Handout N), he postponed Agendum 10 until the statement was ready for members' review.

Agendum 11. Update on essential fisheries monitoring funding and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)

Fletcher gave the history of Handout F, the letter from the KFMC to Randy Fisher, executive director of the PSMFC: a sub-committee chaired by Joe Polos provided a list of essential fisheries monitoring to the KFMC at their March meeting. The KFMC wanted additions to the list, so Bitts, Orcutt, Fletcher and others sat down with people from the State and produced the document attached to the letter (see Handout F). The total need is \$1,886,000. This list is supported by the stakeholders, and can be presented to Congressional delegates and agencies.

Bitts explained that the list was deliberated upon and pared down to include only the essential monitoring projects. He thanked those that worked on the list, and said it was in the hands of the PSMFC and the Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Associations (PCFFA). He did not know the current status of the lobbying effort.

McIsaac suggested Boydston report on the effort at a later time.

Agendum 12. Review letter drafted by the PFMC Habitat Steering Group to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding potential water management actions

Fletcher said that over the past 4-5 years the Yurok tribe has raised the issue of Klamath River flows to the

Habitat Steering Group of the PFMC, the PFMC, KFMC, CDFG, Hoopa Valley Tribe and Klamath Task Force. A long-term interim environmental impact statement (EIS) is being developed by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for the Klamath Project, and Bernice Sullivan is the project manager for the EIS. He said that because the Yurok Tribe felt it important for the BOR to consider fisheries and down-river communities, they drafted and presented a letter (Handout J) to the Habitat Steering Group. The Habitat Steering Group made some changes, and the PFMC adopted it. The letter points out the influence of the operation of the Klamath Project on anadromous fish stocks and economies, and the lack of noticing of the EIS to the PFMC and fishing interests. He noted that an additional sentence had been added to the last paragraph of the letter: “instream flow needs for anadromous fish should be fully met first before water is allocated for agricultural purposes”. He offered two options: the KFMC could make a motion to support the letter and report that the PFMC, or the KFMC could write its own letter.

Wilkinson stated that he could not vote in support of the letter with that additional language, because it appears to circumvent the adjudication process.

McIsaac postponed further discussion on Agendum 12 until the next meeting, because staff had the draft PFMC recommendation ready.

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Members reviewed the draft recommendation (Handout N). Typographical errors were identified. Bitts suggested a language change to the section regarding the California Fish and Game Commission: change “Recommended the California Fish and Game Commission adopt regulations...” to “Support the California Fish and Game Commission’s decision to adopt regulations...”

Fletcher suggested adding an item to the California Fish and Game Commission’s section: “6) mechanisms to facilitate fishery closure on short notice”.

Staff made the changes (Handout O) and passed the recommendation to PFMC staff for distribution at the PFMC meeting (Handout P).

Agendum 3. Elect new chair to replace Dr. McIsaac

Wilkinson made a motion:

Motion: to elect Ms. Mueller as chair.

Kirk seconded the motion. Kirk and McIsaac spoke in favor of the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

1:00 pm RECESS

Wednesday, April 7, 1999

12:10 pm RECONVENE

Members present:

Representative Seat

Dave Bitts

California Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry

Troy Fletcher

Non-Hoopla Indians Residing in the Klamath Conservation Area

Paul Kirk

California Offshore Recreational Fishing Industry

Don McIsaac

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Mike Orcutt

(for Leonard Masten, Jr.)

Hoopla Valley Tribe

MaryEllen Mueller

Department of the Interior

Dan Viele

National Marine Fisheries Service

Keith Wilkinson

Oregon Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry

An agenda for April 7, 1999 was distributed and reviewed by the chair (Handout Q).

Agendum 11 (cont.) Update on essential fisheries monitoring funding and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)

Bitts said that he had spoken with Dave Hansen from the PSMFC, who said that he had not seen the letter from the KFMC to PSMFC executive director Randy Fisher. Randy Fisher was now lobbying in Washington DC. After looking into it, Dave Hansen found that the letter had arrived in their office, but had not been routed to him for action, so as far as he knew no action had been taken. Bitts and Silveira expressed regret that the letter had not been flagged to the attention of Dave Hansen.

McIsaac suggested that Boydston may have passed the appropriate information to Randy Fisher independently.

Orcutt agreed it was possible, since Boydston had talked about doing that.

McIsaac asked staff to give Dave Hansen a copy of the letter while he was attending the PFMC meeting.

On the subject of monitoring funding shortfalls, Fletcher said he believed that tagging of chinook yearlings at Iron Gate Hatchery had not been done, and that there would be a data gap. The cost of that activity was \$17,000.

Agendum 12. (cont.) Letter to the Bureau of Reclamation on long-term EIS for Klamath Project

McIsaac introduced a draft letter from the KFMC to the BOR on this subject (Handout R), adapted from Handout J by the Yurok seat.

Fletcher proposed a change to the last paragraph: to strike the word “fully” from the two places it occurred. In a response to a question from Bitts, he said the letter would be addressed to Karl Wirkus and Bernice

Sullivan.

McIsaac proposed a change to the last sentence: to have it begin with “We strongly recommend any decisions...”

Viele said he would abstain from voting on a motion to send the letter, because NMFS is working on a biological opinion in the area.

Orcutt proposed changes to the first sentence of the second paragraph: to have “(Public Law 99-552)” be inserted after “1986”, and to change “advisory group regarding the management of” to “advisory group charged with recommending the management of”.

Wilkinson said the draft satisfied his concerns and he would abstain from voting on a motion to send it.

Kirk asked whether there were enough members voting to pass a motion, and Wilkinson replied that a quorum was present, so the motion would prevail if there were no negative votes.

McIsaac called for the question. No one had formally made the motion, but it was understood as:

Motion: to send the letter (Handout R) to the BOR with the proposed changes.

Motion passes; Viele and Wilkinson abstain.

Agendum 13. Review motions and assignments from April 5-7, 1999 meetings

Silveira reviewed the motions.

Members discussed a possible assignment to the TAT arising from a request by Bostwick earlier in the meeting (on April 5, 1999) for an explanation of changes made to the size cut-off and accounting of grilse in the 1998 megatable data.

McIsaac asked Kautsky to speak to Patty Wolf from CDFG about the question, and said the KFMC would be looking to CDFG to respond to Bostwick’s question.

Agendum 14. Suggest agenda for October, 1999 meeting; discuss 2000 meeting schedule

Future meeting schedule:

Members discussed meeting times and locations, and agreed on the following:

October 5-7, 1999	Weitchpec
February 23-24, 2000	Brookings
March 5-10, 2000	Sacramento
April 2-7, 2000	Portland

Fletcher and Masten offered to give members a tour of their fisheries during the October, 1999 meeting, and Fletcher suggested a salmon cookout. Silveira offered to work with them to arrange a field trip.

October, 1999 agenda:

Orcutt asked Viele whether by October there would be a NMFS decision on the delineation of the Klamath chinook ESU (Evolutionarily Significant Unit) designation and the issue of a separation of the spring and fall races.

Viele said a decision was expected at the end of September, 1999, and offered to give a report at the October, 1999 meeting.

Kirk asked for a TAT presentation on the KOHM revision.

McIsaac asked Kautsky to ask Michael Mohr whether a full-bodied report would be possible, including the use of a computer screen projector (suggested by Bitts) and an advance mail-out of the report.

Other agenda additions:

- Report by Boydston on funds for essential monitoring (requested by Orcutt)

- Update on EIS for the Klamath Project (requested by Kirk)

- Presentation by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Fish and Game

 - Commission on their position on flow issues in the Klamath and on the Klamath Project EIS (requested by Fletcher)

- Report by Orcutt and the Hoopa Valley Tribe on the Trinity River EIS process (requested by Kirk)

Agendum 15. Assignments for TAT and/or members

The following assignments were given to the TAT for reporting on at the October, 1999 meeting:

- Finalize the stock/recruitment report (requested by McIsaac)

- Give a post-season review of fisheries (requested by McIsaac)

- Continue the KOHM revision (requested by Kirk)

- Continue the ongoing assignment on spring chinook (i.e. work on a predictor and management measures for springers) (requested by Fletcher)

Added Agendum: Public Comment

Don Stevens (Oregon troll SAS representative) said he would seek to find out the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's and the Oregon Fish and Game Commission's position on flow issues in the Klamath and the Klamath Project EIS. Regarding the question of landing chinook caught in California in Brookings, he said his group was working on getting additional September 1-30 opportunity for Oregon fisheries to alleviate those concerns.

Bitts thanked Stevens.

Jim Welter (Port of Brookings, SAS representative) thanked the KFMC, and requested that members use their microphones.

Silveira requested that members respond with editorial comments on the March, 1999 draft meeting minutes (Handout C) within one month.

Agendum 10 (cont.). Review recommendations for the 1999 management season for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies

McIsaac asked whether members had additional recommendations they would like to give to the PFMC.

Wilkinson asked that the previous recommendations be reiterated.

McIsaac said that the biggest issue was currently North/South California/Oregon sharing of Klamath fish. He offered to repeat the KFMC's position on a 1 fish/day limit for the KMZ (Klamath Management Zone) sport fishery.

Wilkinson and Kirk explained that although the KMZ Coalition considered a 2 fish/day bag limit at the request of some constituents, the Coalition came to a consensus on a 1 fish/day limit.

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Other speakers:

Scott Barrow	TAT, California Department of Fish and Game
George Kautsky	TAT, Hoopa Fisheries Department
Bill Moss	Retired Commercial Fisherman, Fort Bragg, California
Mike Orcutt	Hoopa Valley Tribe
Jennifer Silveira	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Don Stevens	Salmon Advisory Sub-panel, Oregon troll
Jim Waldvogel	TAT, Sea Grant
Jim Welter	Salmon Advisory Sub-panel, Oregon Recreational Fisher

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- Agendum 1: Handout A. April 5, 1999 meeting agenda.
- Informational: Handout B. Klamath Fishery Management Council Operating Procedures.
- Informational: Handout C. Draft Minutes, Klamath Fishery Management Council Meeting, March 7-9, 1999.
- Agendum 4: Handout D. Letter from the Klamath Fishery Management Council to Robert Treanor, California Fish and Game Commission, dated March 10, 1999, regarding recommendations for the 1999 freshwater sport fishery.
- Agendum 4: Handout E. Letter from Robert Treanor, California Fish and Game Commission, to the Klamath Fishery Management Council, dated March 18, 1999, indicating receipt of their March 10, 1999, letter.
- Agendum 11: Handout F. Letter from the Klamath Fishery Management Council to Randy Fisher, Pacific States Marines Fisheries Commission, dated March 15, 1999, regarding funding for essential fisheries monitoring.
- Agendum 4: Handout G. Letter from Virginia Bostwick to Robert Treanor, California Fish and Game Commission, dated March 30, 1999, regarding accounting of fall chinook adults and grilse in the megatable.
- Agendum 4: Handout H. Letter from Robert Treanor, California Fish and Game Commission, to Jerry Mallet, Pacific Fishery Management Council, dated April 5, 1999, regarding Klamath River and ocean salmon fishery issues.
- Agendum 7: Handout I. Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM) analysis of the three Pacific Fishery Management Council Options for Public Review.
- Agendum 12: Handout J. Draft letter from Jerry Mallet, Pacific Fishery Management Council to the Bureau of Reclamation, regarding the Klamath Project EIS.

- Agendum 9: Handout K. California Troll Industry's recommended 1999 Salmon Season.
- Agendum 5: Handout L. Klamath Fishery Management Council statement to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, March 9, 1999.

April 6, 1999

- Informational: Handout M. April 6, 1999 meeting agenda.
- Agendum 10: Handout N. First Draft Klamath Fishery Management Council statement to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, April 6, 1999.
- Agendum 10: Handout O. Final Draft Klamath Fishery Management Council statement to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, April 6, 1999.
- Agendum 10: Handout P. Final Klamath Fishery Management Council statement to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, April 6, 1999 (PFMC Supplemental KFMC Comment F.3).

April 7, 1999

- Informational: Handout Q: April 6, 1999 meeting agenda.
- Agendum 12: Handout R: Draft letter from the Klamath Fishery Management Council to the Bureau of Reclamation, regarding the long-term EIS for the Klamath Project.

MOTIONS
KLAMATH FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
April 5-7, 1999
Red Lion's Sacramento Inn, Sacramento, California
Meeting #57

1) Motion: to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Motion: To recommend to the PFMC and other management agencies the following:

Management Constraints	Manage fisheries to achieve 35,000 spawner floor.
Commercial North/South Sharing of Age 4 Klamath Fish	To be determined by SAS.
KMZ Sport	17% of ocean share objective with a seasonal approach. 1 fish/day.
Tribal	50% of harvestable surplus.
River	50% of non-tribal share. Recommend the California Fish & Game Commission adopt regulations that accomplish the following: 1) establish in-river quota 2) monitor in-river catches based on real-time sampling 3) establish subarea quotas 4) reduce the grilse cutoff to 22 inches 5) implement other management measures to more equitably distribute the catch.

Any excess fish preseason transferred from the ocean to in-river would be shared by in-river fisheries to achieve 50/50 sharing. Motion passes, Bostwick abstains.

3) Motion: to elect Ms. Mueller as chair. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Motion: to send the letter (Handout R) to the BOR with the proposed changes. Motion passes; Viele and Wilkinson abstain.